85. Dhul-Jalal wal-Ikram (The Lord of Majesty and Generosity)

"Allah's majesty would crush us if not balanced by His generosity; His generosity would make us heedless if not balanced by His majesty. The wise heart trembles in awe while simultaneously expanding in gratitude."

- Ibn Arabi (1165-1240 CE)
Source: "Futuhat al-Makkiyya"
(Meccan Revelations)

Self sufficiency, honour and respect will be acquired if this Beautiful Name of Allah is recited excessively - Al Hisnul Hasin

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The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

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DHUL-JALAAL WAL IKRAAM ﷻ (THE MAJESTIC, THE GRACIOUS ﷻ)

Jalaal is the root word of Jaleel. Ikraam is the root word occurring in its paradigm of 'ifaal'. Thus the meaning of 'Dhul-Jalaal wal Ikraam' is that Allaah ﷻ is worthy of being revered due to His sovereignty, as He alone possesses grandeur. He is worthy of being honoured due to His superior status, mercy, generosity and perfection.

Another possible meaning is that He ﷻ reveres those who are obedient and raises their ranks by granting them the ability to be obedient to Him in this world (Dhul-Jalaal), and He ﷻ honours them by accepting their actions and raising their ranks in the gardens of Jannah. There is no honour and status except that it emanates from Him ﷻ (Dhul-Ikraam). Despite possessing such grandeur and status, He ﷻ is not like general kings of this world who do not pay any attention to the poor and needy. With all His grandeur, He ﷻ showers grace and deals kindly with His servants. After granting them existence, He ﷻ showers countless bounties upon them and listens to their requests and supplications.

These words 'Dhul-Jalaal wal Ikraam' are amongst those special qualities of Allaah ﷻ which have this effect that after reciting them, whatever duaas are made will be accepted.

Allaah ﷻ states,

تَبٰرَكَ اسْمُ رَبِّكَ ذِى الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

Ibn Katheer ﷺ states in the commentary of this verse,

أَيْ هُوَ أَهْلٌ أَنْ يُجَلَّ فَلَا يُعْصٰى وَأَنْ يُكْرَمَ فَيُعْبَدَ وَيُشْكَرَ فَلَا يُكْفَرُ وَأَنْ يُذْكَرَ فَلَا يُنْسٰى

Allaah ﷻ is worthy of being revered, thus He ﷻ should not be disobeyed; of being honoured, thus He ﷻ should be worshipped; of being thanked, thus He ﷻ should not be shown ingratitude; and of being remembered, thus He ﷻ should not be forgotten.